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Several hundred of fine trimmed hats to be sold tomorrow at prices that represent only about half the worth of the goods. An opportunity for those who have not as yet bought spring hats and for those who will indulge in the luxury of the later styles.
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75 New Trimmed Hats for Ladies and Misses, made of and trimmed with the very best materials; particularly nobby effects. \$6 and \$7.50—values for... **\$3.89**
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50 New Trimmed Hats—copies of the very choicest French models. Tomorrow... **\$6.98**
All our \$15 and \$20 Trimmed Hats reduced to... **\$10**
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Trims evenly and runs easily—will be our special this season. **\$2.25**
Guaranteed Ball-bearing Lawn Mowers, **\$3.25**

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Shovels, Trowels, etc., 50c. to 25c.
Garden Hoses, 20c.
Good Spades, 25c.

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11th and G Streets.

Austin's Dog Bread
has "AUSTIN" on every piece.

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"Strictly reliable qualities."
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Moving with a rush. You should have seen the men crowding in here this morning to secure some of these swell, new Negligees. They are made of the finest, genuine worsted through and through. Made in Madrid at **\$1, \$1.50 & \$2.**
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The New Silk Window Shades the height of fashion—50c.
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An exceptionally good value in the stylish Dimplesided Half Hose, in gray, red, black, brown and blue. **25c.**
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Economies for Saturday
Taxing our resources to make the selling the most profitable you have indulged in this season. The weather is right again to encourage one in Spring preparations. A few of these bright days will bring everybody to the realization of the necessary change to brighter, lighter, more seasonable wearables. We are anticipating your wants today—many of them will be supplied tomorrow at prices lightened to meet the demands of our policy of Saturday bargains

Suits Reduced to \$15.00.
Making a sale on a lot of \$18, \$20 and \$22.50 Suits, which we will close out tomorrow at \$15.00. Prime qualities—the best made suits, the most stylish suits, the most popular suits the style-setters have sent out this season. They are in Eton, bolero, double-breasted and fly-front effects, and also those new vest-front Etons, trimmed with braid and gilt buttons. New sleeves; new skirts, in seven gore and flounce effects; some self-trimmed, some trimmed in braid and taffeta. The price for **\$15.00** Saturday is.....

Hose, 3 pairs for \$1.00.
Ladies' Lisle Lace Hose, in many of the choicest lace patterns and in all the new colors, including new blue, cardinal, and, of course, black. Regular 50c. values, for 25c., or 2 pairs for... **\$1.00**
Children's Hose. 14c.
Children's Cotton Ribbed Hose, full regular made, sizes 7 to 9½. 25c. grade, for... **Underwear. 15c.**
Children's Gause Vests and Pants, that sell for 25c., for...

Hats that have been shown in Washington this season. And they are selling on that reputation.
A daintily Ready-to-wear Hat, made of straw, in a new walking hat shape; trimmed with a silk scarf and quills and buckle. In all colors. For... **\$1.25**
Tucked Chiffon Hats, in black and colors, that have sold right along for \$2.48 and \$3.48, for... **\$1.89**
Jack Hoses, 9 in. a bunch, the regular 75c. flowers, for... **30c.**

Three Rare Values in Ribbons.
A table full of 5-inch Ribbons—Soft-finish Taffetas, in all colors and plaid and polka-dot effects—Ribbons suitable for sashes and millinery uses—Ribbons that never sell less than 29c.—for... **17c.**
White Satin Hemstitched Ribbon, 5 inches wide, Corded Taffeta Ribbons and Taffeta Ribbons with broad satin stripes. 35c. qualities, for... **25c.**
4-inch Black Satin-back Velvet Ribbon for millinery and sashes. The Velvet Ribbon that is sold for 45c. for. Reduced to... **29c.**

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Gloves for 79c.
A one-day sale of Gloves—Gloves we can guarantee—at 79c. Two-clasp Lace Gloves, in black, white, mode, gray and all the other spring shades—made with gusseted fingers. Never marked less than \$1.00 and \$1.25. **79c.** Tomorrow

Ladies' Parasols—the new Silk Coaching Parasols, in all colors, some with border of same, some with ribbon borders, some Persian and some hemstitched borders. Parasols that you will be asked \$2.75 for. We bought them low enough to sell this first lot at... \$1.98

VEILINGS—in all black, black and white and the new complexion meshes—in fact, all the latest effects in Veilings, that sell for 25c. and 30c. a yard—17c.

Neckwear. Princess Chic Pon Pons. In black, white and colors, made of Brussels net—one of the latest neckwear fads—... **19c.**
Handkerchiefs. Handsome Lace-edge Handkerchiefs, in 12 different styles. Regular 15c. goods. For Saturday... **9c.**

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Ladies' Oxfords!
One of 15 Styles at **\$2.15.**
NEW TOILET SETS.
Recent arrivals of Toilet Sets in a wide variety of shapes make the stock splendidly complete. Whatever be the color of the room you wish to match, you can find Toilet Sets here in colorings which will harmonize exactly.
Prices begin at \$3.50 for set and jar complete.
Chas. R. Edmonston,
China, Glass and Housefurnishings,
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Special Bargain!
Tomorrow we'll close out a line of Misses' and Children's regular \$1 and \$1.25 Shoes at the modest price—per pr. **50c.**

Edmonston's
1334 F Street.

The Memphis, Tenn., Confederate Historical Society is gathering relics of the war for the purpose of establishing a museum.

BOTH SIDES GIVEN
The Cuban Question Discussed From Two View Points.
GUALBERTO GOMEZ ON INDEPENDENCE
Senator Platt Explains the Amendment Bearing His Name.
AMERICAN SUPERVISION

The presence in Washington of the delegation from the Cuban constitutional convention causes interest to center in the question of the future relations of the United States to the new republic. As timely contributions to this thought appear two articles in current periodicals, giving authoritative views on both sides of the subject. In the latest issue of Collier's Weekly is a paper by Juan Gualberto Gomez of the constitutional convention, discussing the Platt amendment and giving the reasons why the party he represents urges its rejection by the Cuban people. On the other hand Senator Platt of Connecticut, in the May number of the World's Work, presents his own views of the amendment bearing his name and indicating the reasons for this government's insistence upon it in its full terms. The two articles, read together, throw a clear light upon the issues as they lie today.

In part the Gomez article is as follows: The real balk is over the third, sixth, seventh and eighth clauses of the Platt amendment. These are the terms which are regarded as prejudicial to all hopes of that independence which Cubans have been promised, even going so far as to partially partition the territory of Cuba, free which the United States disinterestedly interposed in 1898. They object to these terms because they consider them to be in violation of the Treaty of Paris, the Treaty of Paris and the promises of the American government.

Examination of the objectionable clauses and the reasons for their inclusion, will prove interesting in arriving at the causes of contention.

Clause III. "That the government of Cuba consents that the United States may exercise the right to intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence, the maintenance of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty, and for discharging the obligations with respect to Cuba imposed by the treaty of Paris on the United States, now to be assumed by Cuba."

From this it appears that the United States has three objects in attempting to get the government of Cuba to concede the right to intervene: 1. "For the preservation of Cuban independence." Presumably, against foreign aggression. It is reasonable to suppose that the Cuban government, after waiting this long for its independence, will take at least as much interest in preserving that independence as will the United States, and will take the initiative in negotiating for assistance to repel any foreigner who may wish to secure a foothold. Besides which, seventy years ago the United States notified European powers that the United States would not be allowed to become owners of Cuba, or to take possession by force of any territory belonging to republics of the western hemisphere. The extension of the Monroe doctrine to Cuba occurred when the treaty of Paris was signed. To give the United States the privilege—demanded by Congress—of deciding when Cuba is threatened, and when to intervene, is considered a practical surrender of the key to Cuban homes and a rather exorbitant request.

The Cuban View.

2. "For maintenance of the government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty." To the Cuban mind it appears hard to reconcile this provision with the idea of a Cuban government. In fact, Cubans believe that if the United States is to decide when a Cuban government is or is not "adequate," if the United States is to order its troops against its troops against that government without consulting the people of Cuba, that the government of the island will then really be only in the hands of such persons as shall be selected by the American administration, the "free people" of Cuba having absolutely no voice in the matter of choosing their rulers and representatives.

In other words, Cubans seem to feel that should they accept this clause their government would become null and void.

Another way of looking at this clause is found in the following utterance, penned by a protesting Cuban: "When could it be said that life and property were not sufficiently protected? Once the people-independent Cuban government shall have been constituted, will not commission of a single crime analogous to any of recent history be considered by the United States—as indicating arrival of the moment to intervene? Who will finally determine as to justice or injustice in causing the United States to decide to exercise the right of intervention? The vagueness and elasticity of this provision augments its serious aspect to the Cuban mind. It is not, at this standpoint regarded, it is nothing but a menace to the future governments of Cuba and to the sovereignty of our republic."

"To the United States," it is imposed by the Treaty of Paris, etc. The first article of that treaty provides that the United States shall occupy Cuba immediately following Spain's evacuation, that "during such occupation" the United States "assumes the obligations imposed by international law for the protection of life and property." The day on which the United States formally delivers Cuba affairs to a duly constituted Cuban government that day ends the responsibility of the United States for Cuba's obligations cease absolutely. That it was the intention of the United States to stand clear in precisely this manner is irrefutably demonstrated by article 16, treaty of Paris, which reads: "It is understood that whatever obligation respecting Cuba is accepted by the United States must be in view of the time of duration of its occupation of the island, but upon termination of that occupation, the United States will advise any government in Cuba which is established to accept the same obligations."

It is hardly conceivable that any can construe the above as meaning anything but that the gentlemen who drew it, as well as those who ratified it, recognized the transitory nature which any American occupation of Cuba must have in view of the joint congressional resolution of April 19, 1898.

Authorities Cited.

Juan Gualberto Gomez was delegated to draw up the convention's reasons for rejection of the Platt law. Among other things he said: "It is impossible to reconcile the third clause of the Platt amendment with the independence of Cuba or with the aspirations of the Cuban people. Jurisdiction, sovereignty or control would never be exercised over Cuba except during such occupation as might be necessary for pacification of the island. Any jurisdiction would be to obtain determinate solutions and impose fixed ideas. The individual or government which can do that is sovereign. Bluntly put, the United States, in its State, declares that the proper definition is, 'The state is the incarnation, the personification of the potency of the nation. This potency is centered in its majority, in its supreme force, they call sovereignty.' And he adds that sovereignty implies, first, independence of the other states; second, supreme public dignity or majesty; third, the completeness of public power as differing from that of the individual; fourth, the potency of the state is such that it has no other power in the political organism, and, fifth, unity, as division—according to Bluntchell—paralyzes sovereignty."

Again, Gomez cited Prof. Burgess, an international authority on the making of treaties, quoting: "The power cannot be sovereign if it is limited. The one which imposes the limitation will be sovereign, and until a nation attains such power that it is unlimited, or limited only by its own law it is not sovereign."

It may startle many good Americans to discover that Cubans can advance such arguments in support of their contention for absolute independence; but the above is an exact translation.

Cubans are highly intelligent, and are using every available fact to show the world that they are in deadly earnest and intend neglecting nothing that will strengthen their case. One of the most telling points made is: The second paragraph of section 4, article 4, Constitution of the

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In neat checks, stripes, plaids, mixtures, also plain black and navy chests-shaped in the newest spring styles—choice for... **\$5**
Men's \$13.50 and \$15 Suits, \$7.50.
Including dressy plain checks and hain-line stripes, in worsteds and cassimeres—the insurance companies pay the difference—choice... **\$7.50**
Men's \$22 Spring Suits, \$12.
Garments that are elegantly tailored—perfect in fit and deserving of a better fate; the handsomest patterns, will go tomorrow at... **\$12**
Men's \$25 Spring Suits, \$15.
Patterns that are seldom seen outside of a merchant tailor—English worsteds, imported vestingues—housespuns, &c.—crowd-bringers at the price of... **\$15**

MEN'S REGULAR 50c. UNLAUNDERED WHITE SHIRTS. FREE FROM DAMAGE. 25c.
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All styles. Some are silk lined throughout, and all are tailored in a faultless manner. You can save half and more buying next winter's overcoat today.

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Is your preference smart shoe-style—lasting shoe quality—or easeful comfort? All these essentials are combined in our Spring Shoes and at prices—FOR TOMORROW, ONLY—that cannot be resisted.

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Our famous \$3.50 and \$4 GUARANTEED PATENT LEATHER hand-made shoes—4 snappy styles—A stylish Button Shoe—A stylish Oxford—A stylish Kid—A stylish Patent Kid—All these shoes are made of the best material and are guaranteed to last. Tomorrow only... **\$3.15**
The best \$3 PATENT CALF Oxford Ties, made in the smartest new shapes—Two popular styles of soft Velvet Calf and Box Calf \$3 Laced Shoes, and three \$3 kinds in dark tan Kid and Titan Calf hand-laced and well-tooled Oxford Ties. Tomorrow only... **\$2.37**
Soft and shapely Vel Kid black or tan Oxford Ties, with plain, square or round-tipped toes. Also 2 new Spring Styles of Laced Shoes, —Strolling Calf, with perforated Vamps,—and durable Vel Kid—All of these extra good \$2 **\$1.37** Tomorrow only.....

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Genuine Vel Kid, flexible Sole Oxford Ties, plain Common-Sense toes and round toes, with pretty patent tips. Regular \$1 kinds, but will outwear most \$1.50 Shoes. Tomorrow only... **69c.**
Reliable Patent Leather extension Sole, Cuban heel Oxford Ties, hand-tooled Sole, wide extension-edge. Vel Kid Oxford Ties, —Both \$2 kinds, —Only one Pair will be sold at a Customer's low price. Tomorrow only... **\$1.37**
5 Styles of the finest \$5 extension Sole, black Surpass Kid Laced and Button Boots, —Obtainable as low late for Easter Trade, and the Maker therefore sold them to us at a big price-concession. Tomorrow only... **\$3.15**

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69c. Tomorrow only. Boys' and Girls' genuine Vel Kid Laced and Button Shoes, —made on shapely lasts, —with Soles and Uppers of guaranteed, reliable qualities. Boys' Sizes up to 13½. Girls' Sizes up to 2.
\$1.19 Tomorrow only. Misses' excellent \$1.50 grade Vel Kid Laced and Button Boots, —and most reliable Oxford Ties, —the best-wearing and prettiest Shoes we've ever shown,—all sizes.
\$1.85 Tomorrow only. Boys' and Young Men's \$2.50 quality Box and Chrome Calf Laced Shoes,—one of these Styles with wide extension yellow "trap"-stitched edge,—the other moderate extension black edge. —Both unexcelled for wear.

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reason of race and characteristics, cannot be easily assimilated by us. In these respects they have little in common with us. Their presence in the American Union, as a state, would be most disturbing, and we have already asserted, as the deliberate conclusion of Congress, that they ought to be free and independent. There is nothing (Continued on Thirteenth Page.)